Cardiac probems due to consumption of diabetic medicines

†694. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a research finding in America, two medicines meant for diabetes are the cause of heart disease;

(b) whether Government would conduct investigation in this regard;

(c) if so, by when the results of such investigation would be received;

(d) whether Government would impose ban on the use of these two medicines till the results of the investigations are received; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI ANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) A research was carried out by Dr. Steven Nissen of the Cleveland Clinic in the US by conducting meta analysis of 42 trial results of only one anti-diabetic drug Rosiglitazone. In the recent article published in New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM), the results of meta analysis claimed that Resiglitazone is associated with increased risk of cardiovascular disorders. However, in the opinion of another scientific journal Lancet, it was reported that to avoid unnecessary panic, a calmer and more considered approach to the safety of Rosiglitazone is needed. The Scientific Advisory Committee of US FDA has examined the issue and clear decision has come out of the committee. Out of 23 members of the committee, 22 recommended for the continued use of the drug. The US FDA takes decisions based on the recommendations of Scientific Advisory Committee.

In view of above, Rosiglitazone is being brought under focused monitoring of adverse drug reactions in the National Pharmacovigilance Programme.

Training to weaker section to establish SSIs

†695. Dr. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in order to encourage the establishment of Small Scale Industries with small capital, Small Industries Service Institute has made arrangements to impart training to the people from weaker section of the society;

(b) if so, what are the detailed outlines of the scheme;

(c) the target fixed for implementing the said scheme in each State of the country; and

(d) the details of the States where this scheme has already been implemented by June, 2007?

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